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**CONVENE:** 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Pete Kmet, Councilmembers Joan Cathey, Eileen Swarthout, Ed Hildreth, Nicole Hill, Debbie Sullivan, Tom Oliva, and Neil McClanahan.

Staff: City Administrator John Doan, Police Chief John Stines, Community Development Director Michael Matlock, Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Denney, Assistant Finance Director Kristy Wolf, Public Works Director Jay Eaton, Fire Chief Scott LaVielle, Planning Manager Paula Reeves, and Recording Secretary Tom Gow.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** There were no changes to the agenda.

**SPECIAL ITEMS:**

**PROCLAMATION:** Councilmember McClanahan read the proclamation recognizing  
**WHITE CANE** October 15, 2015 as *White Cane Safety Day*. The proclamation calls  
**SAFETY DAY,** upon the citizens and employers in Tumwater to learn more about how  
**OCTOBER 15, 2015:** visually impaired persons can live productive, independent lives and how businesses can provide employment opportunities for the blind.

Joanna Anderson, Washington State Department of Services for the Blind, provided information on the department and its services offered to visually impaired individuals. An open house on Thursday, October 15 is scheduled from 2 p.m. at 5 p.m. at the Lacey location. All citizens are invited to attend to learn about the services offered to the visually impaired. She introduced the Business Enterprise Manager, who provides training services to visually impaired and blind individuals who operate food service operations in state buildings throughout the state. The Lacey office is located at 4565 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Lacey.

Mayor Kmet presented the proclamation to representatives from the Washington State Department of Services for the Blind.

**PROCLAMATION:** Councilmember Hildreth read the proclamation recognizing the week  
**FIRE PREVENTION** of October 4, 2015 – October 10, 2015 as *Fire Prevention Week*. All  
**WEEK, OCTOBER** citizens were encouraged to heed the important safety messages of  
**4-10, 2015:** Fire Prevention Week 2015, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Tumwater Fire Department and emergency services.

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Fire Chief LaVielle accepted the proclamation. The Tumwater Fire Department has planned numerous events for Tumwater elementary schools and at the fire station to provide information on public safety and to help families and individuals prepare fire and disaster safety plans.

*Fire Prevention Week* was established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) based on the legend of Ms. O'Leary's cow, which kicked over the lantern causing the Great Chicago Fire in 1871 killing 200 people and leaving 100,000 people homeless through the destruction of 17,000 structures. President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first national Fire Prevention Week.

Fire Chief LaVielle noted that during sleep, persons lose their sense of smell, which speaks to the importance of having a working smoke detector. Batteries in smoke detectors should be tested twice a year at a minimum along with practicing fire escape plans to increase survival rates.

**PROCLAMATION:**  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
**WALK TO SCHOOL**  
**MONTH, OCTOBER**  
**2015:**

Councilmember Cathey read the proclamation proclaiming October 2015 as *International Walk to School Month*. The proclamation calls upon citizens of the City of Tumwater to promote the safety and health of children this month and throughout the year by teaching pedestrian safety, safely recognizing and responding to risks, and promoting an active lifestyle.

Paul Brewster, Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), shared information on the area's walk to school events, which have been in place over the last two decades. TRPC and Intercity Transit manage the Walk n' Roll program within the Tumwater School District. He thanked the Tumwater Police Department, which has participated in monthly walking events to Michael T. Simmons and Peter G. Schmidt Elementary Schools over the last six years. This year, Tumwater Elementary School is participating in the Walk n' Roll program.

Kyle Grunenfelder, Michael T. Simmons Elementary School, and Jack Arend, Peter G. Schmidt Elementary School, described the monthly walk to school programs within their respective schools.

**PUBLIC**  
**COMMENT:**

**Mary Abramson, 303 1<sup>st</sup> Street S. #44, Yelm, Washington,** spoke to her previous testimony opposing oil and coal trains through the state. She referred to subsidies provided to large oil companies by the U.S. Senate of over a trillion dollars a year. Last year, over 400,000 people marched in New York City supporting efforts to protect earth.

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She participated as “Lady Liberty” representing Washington State. The following day’s headline in the *New York Times* was about the grandchildren of Standard Oil deciding to divest two billion dollars away from the fossil fuel industry. She asked the Council, as leaders of the community, to spread the word about divesting from fossil fuels to force the oil industry to move forward to renewal energy.

**Bourtei Hargrove, 9822 Dempsey Lane SW, Olympia**, speaking on behalf of the Climate Crisis Group of the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation, urged the Council to divest the City of Tumwater’s funds; particularly its retirement funds, from fossil fuels. Climate change is happening at a rate that scientists did not predict. The Arctic and Antarctica are melting faster, sea level is rising faster, and CO2 levels are now above 400 parts per million and fast approaching the point where the world will not be able to restrict global warming to the 2 degrees Celsius scientists warn is the threshold above which they base catastrophe consequences. The cumulative level of CO2 in the atmosphere continues to increase each year. The current projectory is leading the earth towards flora or 6 degrees Celsius warming by the end of the century - a level known to be a civilization-threatening disaster. As a leading scientist has warned, for humanity, it’s a matter of life or death. Survival means leaving four-fifths of the known fossil fuel reserves in the ground and not risking public funds in over-valued fossil fuel stocks, which will enviably become valueless and stranded assets when the fossil fuel bubble bursts and governments finally take the necessary drastic steps to transition to renewal energy. The City of Tumwater’s contribution to the comingled trust fund of the state pension plan managed by the Washington State Investment Board is being used to invest in companies and portfolios engaged in fossil fuel extraction, production, and transport. Thurston County and the City of Olympia have begun the process of divesting its portion of retirement funds from fossil fuels. She urged the Council to show similar wisdom, courage, and forthright by asking the pension board to divest its retirement funds from fossil fuels.

**Pat Holm, 3803 Giles Road NE, Olympia**, said that as a retired state worker, she is concerned about the risk to her pension, as well as to the planet caused by the burning of fossil fuels. The state experienced the effects of climate change through the increase in forest fires and one of the longest state droughts in history. Climate change is causing natural disasters because of the burning of fossil fuels. She urged the Council to join in efforts to stop the burning of fossil fuels with divestment a step in the right direction. California and many school districts have divested funds from coal. Many are speaking to a

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world-wide recession because of low oil prices. In the last year, California lost \$5.1 billion from its pension fund while Massachusetts lost \$521 million from its pension fund. Today, it's not possible to predict the future based on the past. She asked the Council to consider authoring a letter to the State Investment Board urging the divestment of funds from the oil industry.

**Pamela Hanson** (undisclosed address) commented on green energy, traffic safety at the I-5/US 101 interchange and for more training for gun owners in light of the most recent shooting in Oregon.

**Trish McNabb, 6430 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SW**, encouraged the Council and the community to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Tumwater High School Marching Band Festival on Saturday, October 10 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Tumwater High School. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. The high school's music program is important as studies demonstrate the importance of music on social and mental health and grades. This year, 19 bands are participating in the festival. Over 2,500 people will be visiting the City over that weekend. The school's music program is an important gift to the community.

Councilmember Hill encouraged Ms. McNabb to consider applying for lodging tax funds next year as the event attracts many visitors who stay at local hotels.

Councilmember Sullivan commented that as a resident of a neighborhood located adjacent to the high school, she has witnessed the growth of the festival over the last several years.

**CONSENT  
CALENDAR:**

- a. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, September 15, 2015; Worksession, September 8, 2015 & September 22, 2015
- b. Payment of Vouchers
- c. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee 2016 Tourism Funding Recommendations
- d. Agreement between the Tumwater School District and the City of Tumwater for the School Resource Officer Program
- e. Contract Award – T Street Park Improvements
- f. Bid Rejection – Palermo Wellfield Redevelopment, Phase 4A
- g. Neighborhood Project Grant Funding Recommendations

**MOTION:**

**Councilmember Hill moved, seconded by Councilmember Oliva, to approve the consent calendar as published. Motion carried.**

Mayor Kmet reviewed the items approved on the consent calendar.

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Councilmember Hill announced the lodging tax awards for 2016:

1. City of Tumwater Artesian Brewfest \$6,900
2. Greater Olympia Dixieland Jazz Society \$4,300
3. Olympia Lacey Thurston Visitor and Convention Bureau \$22,000
4. Olympia Tumwater Foundation - \$4,900
5. Olympic Flight Museum \$23,900
6. Saint Martin's University – Dragon Boat Festival \$4,100
7. The Washington Center for the Performing Arts \$7,400
8. Tumwater Area Chamber of Commerce \$10,600
9. Tumwater Downtown Association \$9,900
10. Tumwater Historical Association \$4,100
11. Washington Distillers Guild \$3,000
12. Washington State Senior Games \$10,000
13. Wolf Haven International \$9,300

The funds are from lodging tax dollars collected by hoteliers and redistributed to promote tourism within the community.

Councilmember Cathey asked why the largest recipient of the funds is often the Olympic Flight Museum. Councilmember Hill noted the Olympic Flight Museum is the largest tourism attraction in the City hosting a number of events throughout the year. The museum attracts more visitors staying in local hotels than most other venues. The funds are used for marketing efforts to attract visitors to Tumwater.

**COUNCIL  
CONSIDERATIONS:**

**THURSTON  
CLIMATE ACTION  
TEAM – THURSTON  
COUNTY  
RESIDENTS  
SURVEY UPDATE:**

Tom Crawford, Thurston Climate Action Team, presented the results of the Thurston County Resident Survey.

Mr. Crawford acknowledged members of the faculty team assisting in the development of the survey methods and the surveying effort.

The survey of Thurston County residents on clean energy and climate change was prompted by previous work to determine greenhouse gas emissions by each jurisdiction in the region. The region's greenhouse gas emissions are generated by vehicles and building energy.

Sustainable Thurston established percentage targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to the international recommendations for

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reducing carbon emissions by 2020. The targets were mapped to actual emissions in Thurston County. The goal is challenging; however, based on monitoring since 2010, the region's emissions are remaining even. Similar communities are likely unable to achieve the targets alone requiring partnerships of other larger government entities, such as the state, State Legislature, and the federal government.

The creation of new renewable energy resources not only reduces carbon emissions, it increases jobs and new industries and prompts better decisions in purchasing energy efficient appliances and improving insulation and heating systems.

A partial list of possible actions include expanding the energy efficiency work by Thurston Energy specific to addressing low income and rental populations, promoting solar installations through new incentives for homes and businesses, promoting community solar on public land that might be available for the placement of solar farms, building out electric vehicle infrastructure, developing incentives to promote carpooling, and pursuing community engagement and educational efforts.

The survey conducted in late June asked a series of questions about the quality of life in Thurston County, biggest community issues to be addressed, biggest environmental issues that should be addressed, climate change and whether it's real, whether climate action is important, and whether climate change is manmade. Other questions centered on renewal energy and energy efficiency, home energy, information sources (TV, newspaper, radio, meetings, public announcements, etc), and a series of demographic questions.

Most survey respondents rated the overall quality of life in Thurston County positively with 23% responding as excellent and over 50% rating quality of life as good. The top two issues facing Thurston County in the next five years are traffic and population growth followed by homelessness and growth management. The top environmental concern is water quality.

It is likely climate change was not a top concern because many people are not necessarily connecting climate change with immediate experiences or day-to-day concerns. Traffic and growth management concerns may also be related as they both contribute to climate change and greenhouse gas emissions.

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Approximately 85% of the respondents indicated that a person's activities are either the primary driver of climate change or an equal driver of other environmental factors of climate change. Approximately 77% of the respondents said climate action is important to them and 77% said inaction in Thurston County would be a serious problem in the future.

Clean energy questions on motivations sparked top responses of protecting the environment, improving health, protecting future generations, creating jobs, and improving the transportation system.

A majority of respondents supported a broad spectrum of clean energy options ranging from the promotion of household energy efficiency, clean energy businesses, solar energy, and promoting walking and biking.

There were no significant differences in the responses between the various demographics.

In terms of financing, 75% of the respondents are willing to pay for energy improvements with 69% willing to pay \$10 or more per year. Approximately 63% of the respondents supported one of three funding mechanisms by increasing sales, utility, or property tax.

Older respondents tend to receive information from television or newspapers while younger respondents relied on the internet, smart phones, and social media.

The survey demonstrated that county residents, as represented in the survey (over 400 responses), are generally pleased with community life, are concerned about climate change and its local impacts, favor county-wide coordinated action, support a variety of actions to achieve desired outcomes, support clean energy programs with funding, and are amenable to small tax increases.

Questions the Council could consider during major projects or decisions are whether the action(s) either decrease or increase the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency, what is the impact on greenhouse gas emissions, and what alternatives might promote clean energy or reduce emissions more effectively. An opportunity exists for a county-wide clean energy program to consider greenhouse gas emissions and energy use targets to identify top priority actions and projects to help the county achieve targets.

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It's important to work within existing structures through a focused effort with a clear time commitment to assist in moving forward to achieve the targets. TCAT has been participating in some of the Thurston Thrives activities, which presents an opportunity by incorporating many of the activities into the Thurston Thrives strategies and strategy maps.

Mr. Crawford reviewed various strategies and strategy maps to be addressed through those efforts. TCAT has been in contact with the Thurston Thrives Coordinating Council to present information at the October or November meeting on moving forward with a proposal to develop a clean energy hub within the Thurston Thrives structure and recruiting participants from many of the Thurston Thrives action teams. That body could outline the clean energy plan and program and identify some of the specific actions. He invited the Council's support and acknowledged several Councilmembers participating in Thurston Thrives.

Dr. Riley Moore, St. Martin's University, thanked the Council for supporting the Dragon Boat Festival, as well as the efforts by TCAT. The survey was a collaborative effort involving students from The Evergreen State College, St. Martin's University, and South Puget Sound Community College. The survey study helped students learn about their communities and their respective institutions.

Mr. Crawford addressed questions on how the process would utilize the existing Thurston Thrives structure to move forward rather than developing a stand-alone task force. Thurston Thrives has developed a series of task force for different issues. Some of the task forces have joined to develop hubs when common interests overlap. TCAT recommends developing a hub focused on many of the strategies.

Mr. Crawford responded to questions about some of the survey questions and responses. The complete report on the survey is published on TCAT's website.

Councilmember Cathey complimented Mr. Crawford and TCAT for their efforts. The work predates the work of Thurston Thrives. The survey will serve Thurston Thrives as the information supports the efforts of many action teams.

Mayor Kmet commented on energy efficiency efforts undertaken by the City to address its carbon footprint, as well and land use planning to increase density and to promote walking and biking. He



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commented on the difficulty of encouraging landlords to invest in energy efficiency without passing on the cost to tenants. Some of the concepts might help to overcome some of those challenges.

Mayor Kmet thanked Mr. Crawford for providing the results of the survey and agreed the proposal to partner with Thurston Thrives in moving forward is encouraging and includes several Councilmembers who are involved in Thurston Thrives.

**ORDINANCE NO.  
O2015-008,  
EASTSIDE UGA  
ANNEXATION:**

Director Matlock reported in 2013, the Council directed staff to begin public outreach efforts for annexing the eastside of the City's urban growth area. He described the extensive outreach efforts to residents and businesses in the eastside annexation area. In January 2015, the Council initiated the formal process. On May 12, the Council held a public hearing and received testimony. The annexation was forwarded to the Thurston County Boundary Review Board on May 27, 2015.

The annexation area is approximately 2.5 square miles in size with approximately 3,000 residents. The annexation effort was a City-wide effort by the City Administrator, Mayor Kmet, Council, and all City departments.

The proposal is final action to approve the annexation through the adoption of Ordinance No. O2015-008, for the Eastside UGA annexation effective January 1, 2016.

**MOTION:**

**Councilmember McClanahan moved, seconded by Councilmember Oliva, to approve Ordinance No. O2015-008, Eastside UGA Annexation. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Kmet thanked staff for their support and efforts and to the County Board of Commissioners for their support of the annexation and working with the City on a transition plan. He welcomed the opportunity to work with businesses and residents affected by the annexation. The annexation is the largest effort by the City to date.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:  
*Ed Hildreth***

The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, October 13 at 9 a.m. The agenda includes a briefing on the results of 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks in the community.

**GENERAL  
GOVERNMENT:**

The committee received an update on cottage housing and next steps moving forward in 2016 as part of the City-wide Design Guidelines.

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*Joan Cathey*

The committee reviewed the General Commercial zone amendments and recommended approval to the Council. Director Denney updated members on the historical archives project in collaboration with the Olympia Tumwater Foundation. The work will address ways to afford availability of historical data to the public. Members reviewed the interlocal agreement with the Tumwater School District and Garden Raised Bounty for the joint school project on the City's property off Linwood Avenue.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**  
*Neil McClanahan*

The next meeting is on October 8 at 8 a.m. The agenda includes a review and discussion of the Transportation Plan Update, action on a contract amendment for Palermo Wellfield construction support, and a review and discussion of the 2016-2021 Capital Facilities Plan.

**BUDGET AND  
FINANCE:**  
*Pete Kmet*

The committee met earlier and considered two funding applications for the Neighborhood Project Grant program.

**MAYOR/CITY  
ADMINISTRATOR'S  
REPORT:**

Mayor Kmet reported on a recent visit to Vermont to attend a class reunion. He was surprised to view a giant solar farm amongst a field of cows and sheep. Vermont is investing heavily in green power. Additionally, there is a significant reduction in the amount of roadside litter than the litter present in the Tumwater community.

City Administrator Doan reviewed several notes and letters of thanks and acknowledgements to City personnel and City departments. One letter acknowledged and thanked the City for the recent improvements along Capitol Boulevard near the Capitol Boulevard Bridge.

City Administrator Doan introduced Paula Reeves, as the City's new Planning Manager. Manager Reeves previously worked at Washington State Department of Transportation for many years.

The City received a grant for \$332,000 for a \$416,000 sidewalk project surrounding Peter G. Schmidt Elementary School. Engineer Doug Johnston worked on the grant application for many years. Engineer Johnston recently retired. When Mr. Johnston was hired, inflation was 11.3% and President Nixon resigned, Patty Hurst was kidnapped, pocket calculators were the rage, and the number one TV show in the country was *The Waltons*. Mr. Johnston was hired in 1974 and served the City for 41 years.

The City recently purchased two electric cars. The City is installing

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charging stations.

Currently, thirteen Innovation and Partnership Zones (IPZ) exist in the state. The City's Craft Brewing and Distilling Center recently became the 14<sup>th</sup> IPZ when the Washington State Department of Commerce recently designated the IPZ application submitted in cooperation with the Thurston Economic Development Council (EDC). IPZs are areas designated for investment for communities.

The first session of the Police Academy convened on October 5 with 20 attendees participating. The next session is scheduled on Thursday, October 8. The topic is on the legal framework of policing and hiring.

Councilmember Cathey asked whether the City is considering a sidewalk project for the north side of Michael T. Simmons Elementary School. Director Eaton reported staff submitted projects for the same grant program that recently awarded funds for the sidewalks surrounding Peter G. Schmidt Elementary School. The project is also included in the Capital Facilities Plan in anticipation of receiving grants.

**COUNCILMEMBER  
REPORTS:**

***Joan Cathey:*** The next meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee is on Thursday, October 8.

***Eileen Swarthout:*** Members of the Thurston County Law and Justice Council received a briefing on the triage facility scheduled to open in April. The facility provides 10 beds in a secure facility for persons arrested who have mental and medical needs. Thurston County is evaluating ways to keep people out of jail and ways to provide different services and exit strategies other than incarcerating individuals.

Enterprise for Equity conducted a recent graduation ceremony on September 20. Graduates shared information on the businesses they created.

***Ed Hildreth:*** The TComm Budget Committee met and recommended rehiring two FTEs that were recently cut. The committee established a reserve fund for equipment replacement. The TCOMM Board is scheduled to receive the 2016 budget at its next meeting on October 7.

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***Nicole Hill:*** The Joint Animal Services Commission is projecting a 2%-3% increase in its budget for salary increases and a 1% increase in retirement contributions. The Commission is considering several capital projects. The 2016 budget should be available soon to share with the Council.

The EDC's Center for Business and Innovation Community Grant opening is on Saturday, October 24.

Although the final attendance number is unknown, the Bow Wow Boogie event attracted the largest number of participants this year.

***Debbie Sullivan:*** Lewis Mason Thurston Community Action Council has scheduled a board retreat in early November.

The next meeting of the Intercity Transit Authority is Wednesday, October 7.

***Tom Oliva:*** Members of TRPC reviewed 2016 legislative priorities and the 2016 work program.

The next meeting of the LOTT Clean Water Alliance Board is on Wednesday, October 14. Councilmember Hill is attending on behalf of Councilmember Oliva.

***Neil McClanahan:*** The Association of the United States Army is meeting later in the month.

The Alliance for Healthy South Sound continues its work on future efforts to improve Puget Sound.

The Thurston County Housing Task Force has combined with the HOME Consortium subgroup and formed a new entity of HCAC – Housing Citizens Advisory Committee, which will focus on the process of outreach to the community on combating homelessness and the health issues a person encounters when they are homeless.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **With there being no further business, Mayor Kmet adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.**